Doubling of Konkan rail line

5491. MISS MABEL REBELLO: Will the Minister-of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) how many trains run on the Konkan Railway;

(b) whether the new Delhi-Trivandrum Rajdhani Express is always late by couple of hours because it has single track; and

(c) whether Railway have any plan to double this line in the near future?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRIO. RAJAGOPAL): (a) At present, 17 pairs of trains run on the Konkan Railway. In addition, 6 pairs of trains traverse 12 kms. of the Konkan Railway track while running between Kulem and Vasco-da-gama of South Central Railway.

(b) and (c) No, Sir.

Rail Yatri Niwas in Tamil Nadu

5492. SHRIMATI S.G. INDIRA: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Railways propose to set up Rail Yatri Niwas Bhawans at important tourist places in Tamil Nadu;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI O. RAJAGOPAL): (a) to (c) Railways through their newly set up Corporation (Indian Railway Catering andTourism Corporation Ltd.) propose to set up Budget Hotels at various locations in the country including Tamil Nadu. This is subject to availability of suitable land and commercial justifications.

SKY Bus Project in Mumbai

5493. SHRI K. KALAVENKATA RAO:

SHRI K. RAMA MOHANA RAO:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state: